

Delay Raises Wilson's Hope Of R. R. Peace

Postponement Taken as In-
dication There Will Be
No Strike

U. S. Supreme Court May Act To-morrow

Calling of National Guard
to Protect Food and Mail
Trains Still Considered

Washington, March 17.—With the general railroad strike postponed for another forty-eight hours through President Wilson's mediation, there was an increasing hope in the capital to-night that it would be averted. The President was described as very hopeful of an agreement.

Whether the Supreme Court will deliver an opinion Monday on the Adamson law remained a subject purely speculative. Before the present situation arose there were indications that a decision might be imminent, but the court's intentions never were authoritative. Its deliberations in chambers, when a decision will be announced and what the decision will be as matters which, by tradition as old as the court itself, never are revealed.

Although the President kept in close touch during the day and to-night with his mediators in New York, he took no active part in the negotiations, and it was said at the White House that no further move on his part was contemplated until the New York conferences were concluded.

Government Watches Moves
Meantime the government is not losing sight of the critical condition with which it would be compelled to deal should the mediation finally fail. The President and other officials continued to-day their consideration of what steps could be taken legally to keep traffic moving, but no definite course of action was decided upon.

Attorney General Gregory was one of the officials in closest touch with developments. The immediate concern of his department involves precautions to safeguard such railroads under Federal receivership as apply for protection against a strike. Pending developments in New York, however, nothing will be done in the cases of the roads which already have made such applications.

Steps discussed to-night as possible in case of a strike included the calling out of the National Guard to protect trains carrying mail and food supplies. Whether it would be possible to seek receivership of the roads to enable the government to control and operate them also was under tentative consideration. Officials emphasized, however, any decision on these suggestions must be postponed until the result of the New York conferences is known.

Hope for Decision Soon

Speculation among officials to-night revealed an opinion about evenly divided on the possibilities of a decision from the Supreme Court Monday on the Adamson law.

From the fact that attorneys for both sides asked for an early decision and that two decision days when an opinion was expected already have passed, some legal authorities believe it will not again be deferred.

On the other hand stands the well known deep conviction of some of the justices that the nation's greatest tribunal never should be put under any sort of duress.

To-day the justices held their usual Saturday conference to prepare opinions. They separated a few minutes before word came from New York that a postponement of the strike had been agreed to.

Gompers Now Here;

Didn't Know He Was
Named as Mediator

Samuel Gompers, missing since President Wilson named him as member of the committee to seek a settlement of the railroad war, was registered at the Hotel Continental last night and announced that he had been at Atlantic City, under the care of an osteopath, and did not learn of his appointment until late yesterday afternoon.

The chief of the American Federation of Labor was visibly annoyed by the commotion caused by his failure to arrive in New York in time for the beginning of the committee's work, and after registering denied that his absence was due to anything more or less than ignorance of the fact that he had been appointed.

People who know me know that I do not run away," he declared. "It was not until 3 o'clock in the afternoon that I learned the President had appointed a committee of mediation in connection with the railroad situation and that I was a member of that body."

"I left Washington on Thursday for

Atlantic City to get two days' rest because of the awful strain under which I have been for several months. I stopped at the Atlantic Hotel. But in consequence of my being recognized by almost every one, I decided to rest for a day with a private family. I did not see a morning paper this morning. This afternoon I went to the Atlantic to get my mail. There I was informed that my office in Washington wanted me on the long distance telephone. I immediately got into touch with my secretary, who informed me of the appointment. I instructed my secretary to advise Secretary Lane that I would (and I did) get on the first train for New York City, and I arrived here at 3 o'clock. I have made ready to be here for any possible service with my associate mediators in the effort to bring about an honorable adjustment of the problem, and I am here and will remain here."

Conserve Pulp Wood

Supply, Houston Urges
Washington, March 17.—Secretary Houston appealed to the country today to conserve its pulp wood resources as a means of insuring a future supply of news print paper. He pointed to the present close balance between production and demand in the news print industry and urged states to support reforestation plans.

Rail Workers Seek to Enjoin Union Leaders

Bills Filed in Philadelphia
Too Late to Get Action
in Court

Philadelphia, March 17.—Bills in equity asking for an injunction against officers in Pennsylvania of the four railroad brotherhoods from putting into effect the strike order were filed in the United States District Court here to-day by individual members of those organizations. As none of the judges was in court when the bills were presented, no time limit was fixed for a hearing for a preliminary injunction. The more filing of the bills has no effect on the threatened strike.

The suits were filed just as the district court clerk's office was closing. The clerk immediately set to work sending out notices of the suits to 131 local chairmen and chairmen of grievance committees in the state who appear as defendants in the suits.

The bills were filed by an engineer, a fireman, a conductor and a trainman, all employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad and all residents of Baltimore. The principal allegation is that the authority given officers of the brotherhoods to put the strike into effect last August terminated last fall, when negotiations at Washington resulted in the enactment of the Adamson law, and that the officers are now without legal power to call a strike.

The bills also allege that the chief officers of the brotherhoods violated the constitutions of their respective organizations by arbitrarily refusing to arbitrate grievances; that the brotherhoods last August procured a ballot vote of a portion of the membership to order a strike contrary to the provisions of the by-laws of the unions; that the strike voted at that time was in violation of the laws of the brotherhoods, and that the strike order violated the aims and purposes of the organizations, thus destroying the good understanding, harmony and cooperation existing between the membership of the brotherhoods and the railroad companies.

The bills aver that the assets and the property of the Engineers' Brotherhood exceed \$2,000,000 in value; those of the firemen exceed \$5,000,000; conductors, \$2,000,000, and trainmen, more than \$4,000,000. In the event of a strike, it is set forth, this property and assets would be in jeopardy and would be dissipated for a purpose contrary to the objects of the brotherhoods.

Mana Zucca's Recital

Charms Large Audience

With seven assisting artists, Mana Zucca, young pianist-composer, gave a recital of original works at Aeolian Hall last night. There were a trio for violin, cello and piano, soprano, contralto and bass solo, two groups of piano solo, a duet for soprano and bass, cello solo, a soprano solo, with cello obbligato, and a group of "Children's Songs."

Miss Zucca's works reveal charm, originality and a certain immediacy of appeal. Profundity of conception was not apparent, however, and it seems improbable that many of the works heard last night will have a long life. She was heard with every mark of delight, by one of the largest audiences seen in Aeolian Hall this season.

A Tip to Thrifty Housewives

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Six Weeks' Supply Of Food in City, Dealers Assert

Charities Department Has
Flour for Three Months,
Says Commissioner

Boats to Bring Milk

Mayor, Alarmed by Strike
Threat, Calls Perkins
Back from South

At the instance of Mayor Mitchell, the Charities, Correction and Fire departments yesterday reported upon the quantity of food, coal and supplies available to them in case of a railroad strike and consequent cessation of railroad traffic.

Charities Commissioner Kingsbury reported enough flour on hand to supply all institutions under their jurisdiction with bread for three months. Milk could be obtained, it was said, from two dairies located near the banks of the Hudson River.

The milk could be brought down by boat. Enough coal to supply the Charities Department all winter was said to be on hand. The Correction Department reported it had enough food and coal to last until May. The Fire Department has a month's supply of coal.

Food Trains to Keep Moving

Joseph Hartigan, Commissioner of Weights and Measures, was advised by Elisha Lee, chairman of the national conference committee of the railways, that all roads had been urged to give preference to foodstuffs and fuel in case of a strike.

"It is expected," said Commissioner Hartigan, "that the railroads, in the event of a strike, will provide for uninterrupted passage of food and fuel to New York. It is expected that an arrangement will be made with the brotherhoods to obtain cooperation with the railroads to furnish such additional union employees to assist in manning food and fuel trains."

Reports from wholesale and retail merchants make it certain that the visible supply of food is sufficient to keep the city normally supplied for six weeks. It is expected that the railroads will be able to maintain 25 per cent of their food and fuel carrying capacity.

Preference for Milk Trains

I. Elkin Nathans, secretary of the New York State Milk Dealers' Conference Board, announced that he had been assured that in case of a strike the railroads would give preference to milk trains. The board, he said, had telegraphed to President Wilson asking him to get assurance from the brotherhoods that milk would be exempted from the strike contraband.

Mayor Mitchell yesterday telegraphed to George W. Perkins, member of the city executive's food supply committee, asking him to return to New York from Florida. Mr. Perkins will arrive to-night.

Bostonian's Season Ends

Symphony Orchestra Makes
Last Appearance Here

The Boston Symphony Orchestra closed its New York season with its concert in Carnegie Hall yesterday afternoon. Whatever this great orchestra gives is thrice worthy of hearing because of the way the programme is given. Dr. Muck is an admirable leader, but his choice of compositions is often far from happy. He has given both more and less interesting programmes than the one of yesterday.

It opened with the overture to Cherubini's opera, "Les Abencerrages." The overture is seldom given and possesses grace and melodic beauty. The Brahms A minor concerto for violin and cello is, on the whole, rather heavy for the quiet beauty of its second movement. The solo parts were sustained yesterday by Anton Wittels and Heinrich Warnke, two excellent musicians, who played earnestly. The Mozart "Jupiter" symphony, which closed the afternoon is, of course, always welcome, and its music peculiarly sympathetic to Dr. Muck.

"It was not exactly an inspired afternoon, yet it gave real pleasure and wonder at the superb organization which Major Higginson's public

spirit has given to his native city. The Bostonians are always welcome, and at each performance they renew the regret that New York is privileged to hear them only ten times a season. New York could easily stand a tripling of their appearances."

Last Symphony Concert

Audience Sings "Star-Span-
gled Banner" at Carnegie
Three thousand persons joined in

singing "The Star Spangled Banner" while Walter Damrosch and the members of the New York Symphony Orchestra faced them at Carnegie Hall last night. The organization was giving its last concert before starting on a transcontinental trip which is to consist of seventy-five appearances in cities extending from Philadelphia to San Francisco.

Louise Horner was the soloist and the orchestra numbers were Schumann's Symphony No. 1, in B flat; Wolf's "Italian Serenade" and "British Folk songs and Dances" by Percy Grainger.

In its last concert at the end of a most enterprising season the orchestra displayed all those qualities of fire and energy combined with attention to the markings of the score which have endeared it to New York audiences.

Mme. Horner sang excerpts from Handel, Schubert and Verdi. Her dear, powerful voice was heard to great advantage in the large auditorium. The aria, "Ombra mai fu" from Xerxes, was especially well received.

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